

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chapman, et al.

Serial No.: 11/672,037 Filed: 02/06/2007

For: Kitchen Hand Tool

Art Unit: 3725

Examiner: Nguyen, Jimmy T.

Cover Letter

Commissioner of Patents Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on September 3, 2008, having a response due by October 3, 2008 (one month response period), extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner to grant the enclosed petition for the extension of time of one month, which is required to make this response timely.

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the attached corrected and now compliant non-final amendment Claim's Section, pages 2-10 of the previously submitted non-final amendment.

Applicant respectfully wishes to point out to Examiner that a close reading of the claims will clearly show that all claims listed as "Currently Amended" did in the original response, and still do in this response, include underlined additions. For example, in claims 2-4, 7-8, and 14-17, Applicant has amended the claims into include a comma "," after the wherein clause as required for correct claim language which was inadvertently omitted during the initial drafting and filing of the application.

Applicant has also cancelled claim 19 and has included a new claim 21, which was the previously presented claim 19 in the non-final amend file 4 June 2008 that was listed as currently amended.

Please find enclosed a corrected Claims Section of the non-final amendment now submitted with the cancellation of claim 19, which was present in duplicate and the proper status identifiers for each claim. Under 37 CFR 1.121 only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is required to be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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